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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 13-18 and 29-37 are pending. On October 7, 2003 Applicant's representative and Examiner Beisner engaged in a telephonic interview to discuss all pending claims. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 in view of Kolehmainen and Whitehead was discussed. As indicated in the Examiner's interview summary, several potential amendments were discussed. However, it is Applicant's position that while amendments were discussed, Applicants did not agree to any of them. Rather, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, specific embodiments of the claimed invention were contrasted with the cited references. While structural components may have been discussed, the elements included in the Examiner's interview summary are examples of embodiments encompassed by the claims.

Applicant's representative also urged that the combination of references was improper because there was inadequate motivation found in the cited references to combine the references. The Examiner disagreed. Agreement was not reached with respect to the pending claims or proposed claim amendments.

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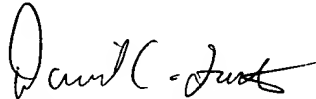
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn, and submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such is solicited. If, upon review, the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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